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1. On 12 October 1953, 20 YAS-210-type trucks towing 20 x 85-mm AA guns, 22 STS-5-type prime movers towing 25-mm AA guns, about 200 ZIS-type trucks occupied by about 5,000 troops wearing black-bordered crimson and red-bordered black epaulets, about 15 GAZ-63 trucks, 8 trucks with field kitchens and 6 ambulances, all   pushed through Brehm northeast of Bueg, proceeding toward Magdeburg on the Berlin-Magdeburg road. 1

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2. At 3 p.m. on 14 October, about 20 trucks, each occupied by about 20 to 25 soldiers, and 2 trucks carrying boxes and furniture were seen en route from Kannenburg to Prenzlau.

3. Between 4:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. on 16 October, field kitchens

an undetermined number of trucks,  

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towing guns, presumably 76.2-mm guns; and about 80 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets were detrained at the Eberswalde Railroad station and left for the Schuetzen Kaserne. Between 7 a.m. and 11 a.m. on 23 October, 8 rocket launchers   and 15 M-3-type armored personnel carriers with 20-mm guns were detrained. 3

4. At 6:30 a.m. on 19 October, a shipment of 200 to 300 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, 12 trucks   6 x 122-mm field howitzers with pneumatic tires and 1 caterpillar tractor were detrained at the Wildpark railroad station. At 8 a.m., a shipment of about 150 troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia and 22 trucks carrying signal equipment

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  were detrained in Drewitz.  CLASSIFICATION SECRET

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5. At 12:15 p.m. on 20 October, a shipment of 20 flatcars with sideracks and 8 boxcars carrying 12 x 152-mm gun howitzers, 12 Z-65 caterpillar tractors, 6 trucks, 4 sedans, 4 signal vehicles and 2 field kitchens; and 8 boxcars occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets was seen en route toward Wildpark, coming from the direction of Justerbog. 4

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6. On 22 and 23 October, a farewell ceremony for the students of the course was held at the Artillerie Schule Strausberg. The school was to be vacated by late October. The instruction tanks and guns were still observed on 23 October. 5

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7. On 24 and 28 October, two shipments, each of about 2,000 discharges, were dispatched from East Prerowwalde. 6

8. At about 6:10 a.m. on 27 October, about 20 Soviet officers and about 100 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets were observed on the platform for long-distance trains in Oranienburg. At about 6 a.m. on 28 October, another 20 officers and about 100 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including about 25 troops with tank insignia, were seen in the pertinent waiting room. Officers and troops carried much baggage. 7

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9. At 9:30 a.m. on 28 October, a train of 14 boxcars occupied by troops and 1 flatcar with 1 T-34 tank and without engine was seen at the Krennen railroad station. 7

1. Comment. Presumably return of units of the LXXIX Mtz Rifle Corps from the known exercises of the corps in the northeast section of Letzling Heath and the Tagermünde-Jerichow area, which probably terminated on 12 October. The units observed may belong to the unidentified AAA regiment of the corps or the 19th Gds Mecz Div. The light AA guns are, however, believed to have been 37-mm guns.

2. Comment. units of the 25th Tank Div from Prenzlau, presumably those elements of the 83d Gds Hv Tank SP Regt of the division which, according to another had stayed at Templin after the reoccupation of the post.

3. Comment. The troops detrained on 16 and 18 October presumably were headquarters units of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army although the motor vehicle with the shipments are now carried with the army. The units may have come from Templin, where troops were observed at exercises as late as mid-October.

4. Comment. The troops which, on 19 October were detrained in Wildpark and Drewitz, probably belonged to the 34th Arty Div (US) and a signal unit of the GOFG respectively. The train which, on 20 October, was seen en route toward Wildpark, probably also carried a unit of the 34th Arty Div (US), which returned from the known exercises of the Eighth Gds Army.

5. Comment. in mid-October, reported the beginning of the transfer to the Infanterie Kaserne in Strausberg of the Artillerie Schule previously stationed in the former Landesjugendheim.

6. Comment. Shipments from the assembly point for the personnel exchange of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army.

7. Comment. Probably shipments of the personnel exchange program.